

The following is provided by Leonia Shade Tree Commission



The **Spotted Lanternfly (SLF)**, an invasive red, white and black insect, has been seen in Leonia. The SLF, native to East Asia first arrived in Pennsylvania in 2014 and has spread throughout NJ. The SLF has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. SLF feeds on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in NJ. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

If you see one, don't ignore it!

They are a real problem and you are urged to kill it to protect our environment. For more information and pictures of the SLF's life-stages, including nymph stages and egg masses (which can be seen on trees, rocks, lawn furniture and other surfaces from September to June), please go to:

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/>